

REMARKS

The office action of December 6, 2004, has been carefully considered.

As a result of the forgoing amendment, the subject matter of claims 4, 7, and 8 has been included in claim 1.

Accordingly, inasmuch as the Examiner has indicated that claims 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, it is submitted that claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.



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